









# LET'S TALK IT OVER

"Man with the People" with  
"Things that matter  
to you & me."

**P**OLITICIANS in a Pressman are both inclined to exaggerate the public interest in politics as such. My own impression is that seven people out of ten care little what goes on in Parliament, or who represents them there until some question crops up which touches their own hearts or pockets. Unfortunately for this non-political majority their incomes, working conditions, homes, food, clothing, health and general well-being are all affected by what happens in "the talking shop" in Westminster.

Even when it comes to foreign policy—a subject of complete indifference to vast numbers of ordinary folk—the course which the Government takes may have a direct bearing upon their everyday lives.

Before this war started a great many people were worried that what was happening on the Continent was no concern of theirs. They knew better now. We all know better. It has cost us hundreds of thousands of lives, untold millions of pounds and more than five years' hard labour to fight the conspiracy which was hatched in a Munich beer cellar for our undoing.

And the conspirators are not defeated yet. They came near to world domination by dividing the free peoples and now their last hope is to foster divisions among the United Nations.

**H**OW far German agents or collaborators may be responsible for the present troubles in liberated Europe nobody can tell. The one thing certain is that our own army stands in gain by this.

What has caused such special concern in Parliament and in the country since our intervention in the Balkans began has been the fear that our troops were being used to compel the submission of the Greek people to a Government which most of them do not trust.

The Premier lately repudiated this suggestion and put his policy in Greece to the hollow test of another vote of confidence. He obtained a large majority, as was almost inevitable, but it is questionable whether "confidence" is fully restored.

My colleague, Hannen Swaffer, in discussing this tragic Greek crisis in another page. Having no personal knowledge of local conditions in that country, I shall limit myself to the general observation that we are standing in highest need of a co-ordinated foreign policy. And it is to be hoped no time will be lost in arranging the next Churchill-Roosevelt-Stalin conference of the United Nations.

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**N**ON all the battle fronts Allied armies are gaining ground. Their pressure is relentless, though actual advances vary greatly with local conditions.

But nobody can pretend that this well-planned and concerted progress in the field is matched by equal progress in diplomacy.

There appears on the contrary, to be growing differences of opinion among the chief Allies. The State Department has rapped our Foreign Office over the knuckles in regard to Count Sforza.

We refused to "welcome" the appointment of this elderly Liberal statesman as Foreign Minister because, said Mr. Eden, he was working against the Bonomi Government.

Mr. Sforza denies this, and Bonomi apparently holds him up as a friend. However this may be, it is a fact that America was not consulted in this matter, that she does not share our opinion, and that she has now told us in blunt words she thinks it would be better to let the Italians—and still more the Greeks and other liberated Allies—settle their own affairs.

So, undoubtedly, do many people in our own country.

**N**ATURAL, of course, we have large forces in action, and the enemy is still in substantial occupation of the Italian peninsula.

**W**HAT Russia may think about developments in Greece, Belgium and Italy—not to speak of Poland—is anybody's guess. For the present Moscow is like the French Rabbit, is "lying low and saying nuffin".

Your correspondent is confident, however, that our Russian colleagues will be for the United Nations, strictly moderate tendency.

Churchill recently gave an impression that he harbours such a view, but his previous speeches have certainly conveyed the impression that he had a friendly feeling for the Government of Greece and Prince Umberto of Italy, and that he was anxious to avoid quarrels with them, even with General Franco.

Man or the People? has no

friendship or respect for these men. Franco is a Fascist, unrepentant and unchangeable, and the exiled King and the former Prince are badly tarred with the brush by local authorities.

Incidentally, any king out of a job is much less likely to go on the side than you or I might be, if we were out of work, and the king would always contrive to salt down a nice little competence against a rainy day.

But individuals do not really matter. What we are witnessing in Europe today is not a struggle

between crowned heads and pretenders, but an irreconcilable conflict between Left and Right, the old order and the new.

**S**O I come back to my opening remark. I think that the average man takes little interest in politics as such, but his whole life may be affected by what the politicians decide, and he does sit up and take notice when his heart or his pocket is touched.

Now, the Service men and women of today are naturally looking forward with keenest eagerness to getting out of their uniforms and back to the "Home Street."

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## SECRET SERVICE NEWS

**H**UNGARIAN and Slovakian quidnuncs and pro-Nazis have been told that Germany cannot grant them asylum there is not enough accommodation, food and facilities for all the European criminals crowding into the Reich.

● Dramatic move to save China from being cut into two by the war expected to restore strategic position in a short time.

● New G. S. (Inner) Organisation being formed by Goebbels. Secretly the G. S. in the Black Guard commission. Purpose is to supervise new recruits pressed into party formations.

● Russian mission of military, political and economic experts to four Western European liberated territories. France will be first to receive the mission.

● West African produce will be imported into this country via the States in an attempt to smooth out political crisis over his "desirability."

## IT SEEMS TO ME

### War-masters Have Their Dummies Ready

**N**APOLÉON BONAPARTE, WHOSE URGE FOR POWER COST NEARLY HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF LIVES AND SORE HEARTS, WAS A REPTILIAN WARRIOR. WHEN HE WAITED THE TIDE OF WATER WAS LOW HE DID NOT WAIT FOR BRITISH CANNON-BALLS AND SMALL-SHOT TO HURT HIS IMPERIAL SELF. FROM HIS SAFE PLACE IN THE REAR HE ALLOWED HIMSELF TO BE LED INTO THE MIDDLE OF A SQUARE OF FRENCH INFANTRYMEN WHO WERE RETIRING IN GOOD ORDER.

Arriving comfortably at Genappe, he left his escort, returned to Paris, and abdicated. Then he decided to surrender to "England," he said, "I would have shown myself generous to a man who has ruled the world." Afterwards he changed his mind. He wanted to escape to America and made his way to the port of Rochefort, where he hoped to embark.

Unfortunately for Nappy, he found an English warship, the Bellerophon, blockading the coast. So the little runaway gave himself up to the navy officer in command, a Captain Maitland.

And this Corsican power-monger was treated on board as an Emperor and given all the honours of his rank.

In due course the Bellerophon arrived at Plymouth and Nappy was taken to the Admiralty. He was surrounded by the vessel as she lay at anchor there, and then, when he was moved around, and as he walked on the deck the crowd respectfully uncovered their heads.

**A** MONTH later the Emperor was transferred to another ship, the Northumberland, which set sail for St. Helena, where, for the second time in his career, he was to be treated as a prisoner.

Since public intelligence and attitude were as they were, it is not surprising that Nappy was encouraged to remain so—thus, a hundred and thirty years after his escape from the Bastille, he was still a prisoner.

Why should he be so? War-masters of today? For their Waterloo, as we may honour it, is not yet won. They are sending out their emissaries into the world, and they are waiting for the day when they will be able to say: "It is a problem which, many centuries ago, people could not, and therefore did not, face."

In those times, though the war-masters could easily have been picked out, that touched Napoleon's fate was regarded as a phenomenon as natural as a hurricane.

Each Frenchman was deemed by his group of followers to be an infallible Napoleon. He fought, and sometimes died, alongside his subjects.

William the Norman was at Hastings. King Henry was killed there. Richard the Lion Heart at Chateau. Richard III at Bosworth.

**T**ODAY the matter is more complex. Most men are thoughtful enough to hate war, and yet they are not so much as to make a stand.

They cannot say they do not know who are the worst war-makers. They are not told enough by their newspapers to know if they took steps to find out.

In this age of specialisation those who direct on the actual battlefield are rarely war-makers.

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